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AUSTIN.

The Senate Adopts the Committee's Report on the Land Bill.

Price, Time of Payment and Amount of Land all Regulated.

Joint Resolution on the Tax Rate Discussed in the House.

The Speech-Making Interrupted by Adjournment—Bills Passed.

Special to the Gazette.

Senate.

Austin, February 16.—The senate met at 10 o'clock. The following petitions were presented and referred.

By Mr. Evans—From citizens of Tarrant county asking an amendment to the local option law.

By Mr. Gibbs—From citizens of Dallas protesting against the extension of the limits of the city of Dallas.

By Mr. Farrar—From citizens of Limestone county asking an amendment to the constitution, so as to permit cities of less than 10,000 inhabitants to levy a tax for improvements.

By Mr. Gooch—From citizens of Anderson county asking an amendment to the constitution so as to permit Palestine to levy a tax for city improvements.

By Mr. Kleberg—From citizens of Jackson county asking that the state taxes for the year 1882 be remitted to the county of Tarrant.

The committee on claims reported favorably on the claim of Louis Eilers asking for payment of school vouchers.

Mr. Gooch, from the committee of the whole, reported back the following resolution and instructions to the committee on public lands:

First. The bill shall contain provisions both for the sale and lease; second, the land shall not sell for less than two dollars unwatered, three dollars watered, five dollars for timber land suitable for lumber, and three dollars for timbered land not suitable for lumber; third, thin timber, useful for lumber, may be sold at not less than one dollar per acre, and the land reserved from the sale, except to actual settlers; fourth, pasture lands, not timbered, shall be leased by competition, in suitable bodies for ranch purposes, for not less than four cents an acre, not for a longer term than ten years, provided that for actual settlement said lands are to remain on the market for sale in bodies not to exceed 40 acres to any one actual settler; provided, that parties leasing less than five sections shall not be subject to claims of actual settlers and provided further that where the lease has not one watered section, the same shall not be subject to sale during the lease.

Fifth. The land shall be sold on thirty years time.

Sixth. The rate of interest shall be 5 percent.

Seventh. The principal on deferred payments shall not be paid for ten years after sale.

Eighth. Forfeiture of the land shall be provided for without judicial ascertainment.

Ninth. That amount of land that may be purchased by any person shall be confined to one section for farming lands or any amount to suit the purchaser when classed as pasture land.

Tenth. The lands classed agricultural, shall be sold to actual settlers only, unless it lies in such space as to be used more advantageously in the sale or lease of tracts of land more suitable for grazing.

Eleventh. Actual settlers shall have prior right for six months from the time the lands are placed on the market, to purchase the land which they are located on so as to secure their improvement in the manner prescribed by law.

Twelfth. The sale or lease of the land shall be made under the direction of the board composed of the governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller, treasurer, and commissioner of the land office, under such rules and regulations as said board shall prescribe.

Thirteenth. The bill shall provide for an examination, classification and description of all mineral lands by mineral experts.

Fourteenth. In the sale of pasture lands no more than one section of watered land shall be sold to one individual where the same will prejudice the sale of other sections.

Fifteenth. And that the committee on public lands be further instructed in the draft of the bill that competition in the sale or purchase of school lands be secured if possible.

The report was adopted.

BILLS REFERRED.

By Mr. Fowler—To amend the school law providing for the appointment of school trustees by county commissioners.

By Mr. Terrell—To regulate railroads and providing for the creation of a board of commissioners and railway engineer.

By Mr. Matlock—To create a land district of Wheeler, Oldham and Donley counties, to attach certain counties to Wheeler, Oldham and Donley counties for judicial purposes.

By Mr. Gooch—To permit cities to pay their bonds in 10 years and providing for a levy of tax to pay the same; also directing officers of the state to compute the annual available fund arising from bonds purchased.

By Mr. Pope—Joint resolution providing that current wages shall not be subject to garnishment except for necessities and to physicians for services.

Mr. Davis—To authorize the attorney-general to use the seal of office.

By Mr. Farrar—Joint resolution amending the constitution in relation to state taxes and fixing the same.

By Mr. Perry—Providing for laying out public roads.

By Mr. Getzenbauer—Joint resolution that the committee on constitutional amendments inquire into the expediency of amending the

WASHINGTON.

Rerdell Continues His Testimony in the Star Route Trial.

Interesting Story About Private Papers and Huge Cash Accounts.

The House Suspends Work on the Tariff to Consider Appropriations.

Ratification of the Mexican Treaty Recommended by the Committee.

Washington, February 16.—Rerdell continued his testimony in the star route case to-day. A paper purporting to be signed by J. W. Dorsey was shown to the witness but he said it was not in Dorsey's handwriting, and Dorsey was not where he could have signed it at the time the paper is dated. A letter was read from J. W. Dorsey to his brother. He enclosed blank drafts according to instructions and said "no doubt the route from Bismarck to Tongue river will pay him or some one else over \$100,000 per annum."

Witness said S. W. Dorsey instructed him to prepare affidavits on the Tongue river and Adairville route and remarked it was only necessary in making the calculation to preserve the proportion of 150 or 200 per cent. for the increase. Witness had a number of blank affidavits but they were taken from his office immediately after the verdict in the last trial.

When witness was released from jail he found his desk open and the papers scattered about. S. W. Dorsey was the only man beside himself who possessed a key to the office. Among the papers carried off were three letters which had passed between S. W. Dorsey and himself and between S. W. Dorsey and J. W. Besler. The record in the case of Rerdell vs. Valle, Miner & Co. was read and the letter from Valle to S. W. Dorsey in which Valle says: "Rerdell has used us, and if the case goes on it will expose our private affairs in which you are interested. It will draw out who are the real partners of Valle, Miner & Co." Valle suggests that Dorsey induce Rerdell to withdraw the suit at once.

S. W. Dorsey gave witness instructions concerning entries to be made in the books. Holding a paper in his hand the witness said S. W. Dorsey instructed him to open an account with the name on that paper. It is headed United States Senate Chamber, Washington. In the account of cash loaned Dorsey and Peck, S. W. Dorsey got \$10,500. Under the head of Peck \$10,000. Wm. Smith \$18,000, John Smith \$600. The name of John Smith has been scratched out and the name Sam Jones substituted. Witness said he wrote Sam Jones under Jno. Smith because S. W. Dorsey called attention to the fact that there were two Smiths and said he had better make one Sam Jones. (Laughter.)

Witness was asked to explain the meaning of these entries and said subsequent to the receipt of the papers, S. W. Dorsey asked him if he had charged Brady with certain amounts, \$50,000, \$65,000 and \$70,000. Witness answered he had no account against Brady.

Dorsey replied: "Why damn it he is Wm. Smith. I thought you knew who Wm. Smith was."

All the amounts above mentioned were then charged to Brady.

Senate.

Washington, February 16.—The conference report on the Japanese indemnity bill was presented, and after a discussion, agreed to.

The tariff bill was taken up. The pending question was on the amendment offered last evening by Mr. Conger, providing for a duty of half a cent per pound upon charcoal iron advanced in manufacture beyond iron in pig, in addition to the duty on iron made with other fuel.

The house went into committee of the whole on the legislative appropriation bill. This was done with the assent of the ways and means committee which agreed not to press the tariff bill until three o'clock, unless the legislative bill be passed at an earlier hour.

The senate committee on foreign relations agreed to recommend the ratification of the Mexican reciprocity treaty.

Congressional Eulogies.

[Boston Journal.]

There is no purpose served by their delivery which could not be served equally well by having them printed in the Record without consuming time in delivering them. The custom is one which might well be abandoned on general principles, but at a time like the present, when it interrupts important business in a session which is fast ebbing away, it becomes a positive injury. Plaudits are in store for the congressman who has the courage to move for the abandonment of a practice which, at the best, is meaningless, and which may often serve to obstruct public business.

Cincinnati's True Name.

[Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

A long time ago Cincinnati did something in pork, and was called "Porkopolis." When her hogs gave out she called herself "The Queen City." After awhile she began to grow artistic and lose in her morals, and dubbed herself "The Paris of America." Now comes the *Morning Journal*, relie of the *Gazette*, and says Cincinnati well deserves the title of "Operapopolis." We presume that when May comes, and Cincinnati goes crazy over her dramatic performances, she will want to be called Porkopolitandramaticoperapopolis of this mundane sphere.

The Turf.

Memphis, Tenn., February 16.—The new Memphis Jockey Club an-

FOREIGN.

Arrest of Another Important Witness in the Assassination Trial.

Bill Introduced in French Chamber Rendering Princes Liable to Expulsion.

Dublin, February 16.—A man named Smith, employed at the Bard works was arrested in connection with the conspiracy to murder government officials.

The arrest of Smith is regarded as important. It is stated that Smith, who worked in the castle yard, kept the vigilance committee posted when they were hatching the plot to blow up a part of the castle with dynamite.

London, February 16.—The resolution of last session against Bradlaugh was not valid this session.

Marquis Hartington said it was the business of the house, not the government, to attend to Bradlaugh's voting.

Paris, February 16.—In the senate, Deves, minister of justice, introduced a bill proposed by Senator Barbery, rendering Orleans liable to expulsion by decrees of the president. A motion for urgency was granted and the bill at once referred to the committee.

Berlin, February 16.—The president of the Reichstag gave an account of the fund for the relief of sufferers by the inundations in Germany, mentioning the amount received from America and elsewhere. Herr Bernuth asked that the house express thanks for these large donations, amid loud applause, which the president said he regarded as an expression of thanks of the house.

Shanghai, February 16.—An armed force of several hundred men landed December 29th at Amoy from two German freighters and seized from the Chinese authorities certain wares manufactured by a German firm in Amoy, and confiscated by the Chinese, who allege that the manufacturers are not protected by the treaty.

The Germans allege that the confiscation was not legal, and claim a full right to manufacture. This is the second recent occasion when German ships have taken preemptory action to redress grievances independently of diplomatic agencies.

During the first fortnight of December last the island of Formosa was continually shaken by earthquake, and there was great destruction of property and many lives lost.

Reports from Peking, promulgated as official, state that the French envoy and Lithing Chang and agreed upon terms for Tarquin, by which China continues to claim that territory as tributary to the regions of the White Crane mountains, its protectorate nevertheless Chinese troops remain in great force at Tarquin and public opinion regards the affair still unsettled.

The Yellow River burst its levees near the city of Weoting and the flooded area is equal to a hundred miles square.

Yokohama, February 16.—There was an eruption of the small mountain Neatigo on the shore of Lake Helena, fifty miles from Yokohama, on the night of the 22nd. Villages in the vicinity were injured by falling rocks and masses of lava. The extent of the damage is not yet reported. This particular mountain was not hitherto known as a volcano. The last previous eruption in the locality was that of the famous Fujiyama 168 years ago.

SAN ANTONIO.

No Clue Yet to the Murderers of Young Monroe.

Special to the Gazette.

San Antonio, February 16.—Marshal Gosling returned this morning from Laredo and states that station agent Monroe's trunk was found about four hundred yards from the station, broken open and robbed of seventy dollars, which according to his letter to his mother, was in it. The office was a frightful scene. There was blood all over the floor and hair, blood and brains bespattered the wall almost to the ceiling. There were traces of the murderer's foot and from the station. The size of the foot print indicates a number eleven boot, from which it is considered that he was not a Mexican. Circumstances show that the injuries were inflicted by a hatchet and not by an axe as supposed. Officer Shesley and posse are searching one way and Capt. McKernan and the rangers another, and there are hopes of capturing the murderers.

The Dramatic Festival.

Cincinnati, O., February 16.—The Dramatic Festival Association in disposing of reserved seats adopted the same method successfully followed by the Opera and Musical Festival Association and will sell choice season tickets at auction. No person will be authorized to solicit or take orders, but parties non-resident may have orders attended to by addressing them to the Dramatic Festival Association. The preparation of scenery is now going forward in horticultural hall.

Justifiable.

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 16.—Young Adler was shot last night by the militia. All accounts agree that the soldiers were justified. The police and soldiers were attacked by a well known gang of roughs, one soldier being knocked down. The roughs outnumbered the police and soldiers, and the firing of guns was the last resort. They effectually dispersed the crowd. One of the roughs has been arrested.

THE CLIMAX.

Some of the Rivers Continue to Rise and Others Fall.

Approaching an Estimate of Damage Done by the Overflow.

Generous Relief Flowing in From All Over the Country.

All Former Floods Except Noah's Lahn in the Shade.

Indianapolis, Ind., February 16.—A dispatch from New Albany says the river is rising half inch an hour. It rose five and a half inches last night and more water is coming. Five thousand people are homeless. The loss is over one million dollars. If the wind and rain continues the damage will be greater. Congress, the legislature and the people are appealed to for aid, as the distress is very great and cannot be overestimated. The water is now nearly three feet above the flood of 1832. The report from Henderson says the river fell 15 inches last night and is still falling slowly. It is very warm, the mercury at 60 and indications of rain.

Louisville, Ky., February 16.—The river at 1 p. m. reached the highest point, fifty-four feet and five inches, which is thirty-three inches higher than the flood of 1852. It is expected to continue rising slowly till night-fall, when it is hoped receding will begin. No casualties reported to-day. The additional damage to property is not reported heavy. Contributions by citizens pour into the depots of supply. No danger of any one suffering for food or clothing. Louisville is determined nothing shall be left undone in aid of the distressed citizens.

Indianapolis, February 16.—The house of representatives this afternoon passed a bill appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of sufferers from the flood. It will undoubtedly pass the senate. This in addition to the forty thousand dollars already appropriated. The board of trade relief committee are busy collecting funds and provisions. Additional car loads of provisions were sent to Lawrenceburg, Jeffersonville and New Albany to-day. Reports from points on the Wabash show that the river is higher than ever known. At Lafayette this afternoon the river was two feet higher than the flood of two weeks ago, which was one foot higher than ever known, and is still rising. About half a mile of the Lawrenceburg & Chicago railroad near Lafayette was washed away. A committee of the legislature will go to Jeffersonville and New Albany tonight to investigate the extent of the damage done by water at those points.

DENISON.

A Floater Found in a Pond and Recognized.

Special to the Gazette.

Denison, February 17.—The body of a man was discovered floating on the pond south of town this morning. A coroner's jury was summoned and from the evidence obtained it was shown that the deceased was the party who was chased by officers from the seat of the Alamo fire, about three months ago and who plunged in the pond to evade arrest. The pond was dragged at the time but without success. The body was much swollen and hardly recognizable.

HICO.

A Cotton Gin Partially Burned—Large Cotton Receipts—New Hotel.

Special to the Gazette.

Hico, February 16.—Last night about ten o'clock John McKinney's gin took fire while he was attending a ball up town, but parties sleeping in the gin house succeeded in extinguishing the flames after both gin-stands had been considerably damaged.

Since the first of last September to date Hico has received for shipment 4,851 bales of cotton.

The Wallace House, a new hotel near the depot, will soon be ready for business.

MARRIED IN HASTE.

Nuptials of a Gotham Society Man and a Young Cleveland Belle—Solemn Tribulations.

Philadelphia, February 12.—The circles of society in this city have been particularly interested the past few days by the presence at the Lafayette Hotel of a newly-married couple whose union is associated with some romantic features. The meager facts of the story, gleaned from the channels of gossip, are as follows: J. Carroll Barney, a gentleman well known in fashionable drawing-rooms in New York, journeyed to Cleveland, Ohio, about three weeks ago, to transact certain business. One evening, Thursday, the 18th of January, he was present at a german given by a lady of social prominence, and here he was introduced to a charming and pretty young lady, with whom he waltzed several times. They parted that night to meet again the next day and the next. It was a clear case of love at first sight. The following Monday, Jan. 22, the young lady became Mrs. Carroll Barney. Opportunity favored the sudden determination of the lovers. The parents of the young lady were absent in Florida and she was staying as a guest with a friend. The years of her life scarcely numbered seventeen summers, while her lover and husband is deep in the thirties. They left Cleveland for New York, and passed the first few days of their nuptial felicity at the St. James Hotel. Letters were written on both sides to parents, and extremely angry replies

THE CONVICTS.

The Senate Committee Ratifies the Penitentiary Leases.

Proposition of a Galveston Company Considered—Other Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, February 16.—The senate committee on penitentiaries agreed to-day by two majorities to ratify the leases. The vote stood for lease, Johnson, Pope, Fleming, Houston, Pfeuffer, Kleberg, Jones and Cooper. The last vote conditionally. Against the lease, Randolph, Gibbs, Traylor, Peacock, and Gooch, the latter being opposed to any lease at all and favoring the state taking charge.

The house committee deferred action till Tuesday.

Herdener & Co., made a proposal to-day which is substantially as follows: They to take charge of the penitentiaries and convicts, pay all expenses of resumption until the state is ready to lease and give bond to make the bid at least 25 per cent higher than the present contract when final lease was made. The matter is creating much talk among members and it is reported to-day that one of the senators has changed his mind, which will make the committee report a tie. It is also said that the lease will be confirmed by the senate by four or five majority, but this is uncertain. There is no doubt but Herdener would become the lessee but for the fact that some members are skeptical as to its true intent.

A letter from Gen. Ben. E. McCulloch, assistant superintendent of the penitentiary was sent to the senate this morning. It called attention to several insane convicts now in the penitentiary and asks the legislature for relief for them. It also suggests that a small sum of money be set off the earnings for the state, of each convict for the benefit of their families to start in life with at the expiration of their term.

The committee to visit the Alamo left this afternoon.

Many members are in attendance at an entertainment at the blind asylum to-night.

The railroad bill is quietly resting on the calendar, but an attempt will be made to get it up to-morrow, and make it a special order for Thursday.

Governor Brown wrote another letter to Colonel Chiswell this morning, renewing his demand, which the latter decided to answer.

Charters filed to-day: Fannin College at Bonham, and the Austin College Company of this city.

The judiciary committee reported favorably the bill to punish false swearing in quarantine masters.

HAY FOR CATTLE.

Omaha, February 16.—Large quantities of hay have been shipped over the Union Pacific for feeding cattle herds upon the Platte valley ranges and those in western Wyoming. Grass is snowed under. A train on the Denver short-line was compelled to stop as the cattle took the track on their way to water and could not be driven off into the snow banks.

Suicide.

St. Louis, February 16.—The *Post-Dispatch* received information that Mrs. H. M. Valle, wife of one of the defendants in the star route trial has suicided at Independence, Mo. No particulars.

Robbery.

Montgomery, Ala., February 16.—S. D. Houston, tax collector of Lawrence county was robbed by highwaymen of \$3,500 on a lonely road yesterday. The robbers also took Houston's horse.

Fires.

Providence, R.I., February 15.—A fire this morning damaged the mill of the Providence Worsted Company \$75,000. Insured for \$30,000.

Operative Notes.

[Texas Sitings.]

A would-be musical sharp, after listening to an operatic solo on the cornet by a celebrated performer, who visited Austin last summer, turned to his neighbor and asked:

"What is that all out of?"

"Out of the bag, of course. Do you think it came out of his nose?"

Cause and Effect.

[Mobile Register.]

In view of the fact Georgia has been longer under democratic rule than any one of the cotton growing states, it will be seen that the true interests of the colored race lie in the continuance in power of that party in the south.